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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the Union Anti-Fraud Programme and repealing Regulation
(EU) No 250/2014 **(first reading)**
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's
position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 30 May 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Articles 33 and 325 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Court of Auditors delivered its opinion on 15 November 2018².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 12 February 2019³.

¹ 9539/18.

² OJ C 10, 10.1.2019, p. 1.

³ 6207/19.

4. On 8 January 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the final compromise text on the above draft Regulation⁴.
 5. Due to the special circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2021/26⁵, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of its position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Union Anti-Fraud Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 250/2014, as set out in document 5330/21, and the Statement of reasons, as set out in document 5330/21 ADD 1 + COR 1.
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⁴ In accordance with the letter of 11 January 2021, sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control to the Chair of COREPER, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.

⁵ Council Decision (EU) 2021/26 of 12 January 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253 and (EU) 2020/1659, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 11, 14.1.2021, p. 19–20).